



The Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Farnborough Rural District for the year 1925.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN.

I beg to submit to you my report on the health of the Farnborough Rural District for the year 1925.

Population. Estimated population for the year as supplied by the Register General, 1396; last year his figures were 1398.

Deaths. There were 17 deaths during the year, 7 males and 10 females; last year the number was 13.

Causes of Death. Bronchitis 3, Acute and Chronic Nephritis 1, Cancer 4, Cerebral Hæmorrhage 1, Heart Disease 2, Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System 1, other defined diseases 5.

Ages at which Death occurred. Under 1 year 0; 1 to 5—1; 5 to 15—3; 15 to 25—1; 25 to 45—3; 45 to 65—2; 65 and upwards 11. The death rate was 12.17. Last year 9.2 Infant mortality 1000 births was 0.

Births. There were 24 births during the year, 14 males and 10 females 2 were illegitimate. Last year the number was 25. The Birth rate was 17.19; last year 17.87. 14 births were notified to me during the year.

Hospitals. There is no Hospital in the District, cases are sent usually to Leamington or Banbury Hospitals.

Physical features and General Character of the District. The District consist of 6 small Agricultural Villages, situated in South Warwickshire; the occupation of the inhabitants is almost entirely Agricultural, the only other work of any consequence being the Iron Stone Quarries situated at Edge Hill; there are no factories or other works in the District. There are 3 workshops.

Water Supply. Three of the Villages are supplied by wells, the other three obtain their water from the hills, the supply has been constant and satisfactory. I reported last year that this was not so with regard to the Village of Radway, since then the Radway Water-works have been taken over by the Council and the old iron tank, capacity 1,000 galls, has been replaced by a new brick tank, capacity 2,500 galls, which is considered to be ample to supply the houses which are connected to it, as the source of supply is from springs in Edge Hill Wood, the supply from which is constant.

Drainage and Sewage and Closet Accommodation. This is mostly of the conservancy system and is quite satisfactory in such a District. Plans are in course of preparation under the supervision of the Thames Conservancy Board, for the Sewage of Farnborough to divert this from its present outfall.

Sanitary Inspection of the District. The District is in a good Sanitary condition. The Sanitary Inspector sends the following report :—

SUMMARY OF SANITARY WORK (1925)

			Inspec- tions	Formal Notice	Nuisances Abated
Foul Conditions ....	....	...	2	1	1
Structural Defects ....	....	....	8	8	6
Cow Sheds ....	...	....	3	0	0
Bakehouses ....	...	....	2	1	1
Slaughter Houses ....	...	...	3	0	0
Privies ...	....	...	1	1	1
House Drainage ....	....	...	5	1	1
Pigsties ....	...	....	30	0	0

Slaughter Houses. There are 3 registered Slaughter Houses in the District; 2 at Farnborough and 1 at Warmington. These have been inspected regularly and the carcasses of slaughtered animals have been found satisfactory. Slaughtering, needless to say, is on a very small scale.

Schools. The elementary schools are in a good and Sanitary condition.

Farnborough School was closed from March 4th to March 13th, owing to Influenza.

" " " July 15th to the summer holidays owing to Chicken Pox.

Warmington " " June 15th July 10th, owing to Whooping Cough.

Shotteswell " " Dec. 14th to Christmas holidays, owing to Whooping Cough.

Milk Supply. This is obtained from the farmers in the District and is satisfactory.

Milk and Cream Regulations. No samples have been taken during the year.

Infectious Diseases. There were no cases of infectious diseases notified during the year.

There is no Isolation Hospital in the District. An arrangement has been made with the Borough of Banbury so that infectious cases, other than Smallpox, can be admitted to the Banbury Isolation Hospital; and also with the Banbury Rural District Council to admit cases of Smallpox to this Hospital.

This is very satisfactory, as it is obvious that such a small District cannot be expected to make proper hospital accommodation for such cases.

Tuberculosis. No cases of Tuberculosis have been notified to me during the year.

There was one death from pulmonary Tuberculosis, a female, age 22. This occurred at the Royal Northern Hospital. The County Tuberculosis Officer has been appointed assistant M.O.H. for the District with a view to carrying out this work with greater facility.

Venereal Disease. This is administered by the County Council.

Maternity and Child-welfare. The mid-wives Act is administered by the County Council.

Bacteriological Examination of Specimens. Specimens can be sent to the Birmingham University free by any Practitioner in the District.

Housing. One new house has been erected during the year. The houses in the District are inspected regularly and have been found in a very reasonable state, and compare favourably with those in other Agricultural Districts. Those which are found to need repairs or to be defective in other ways are dealt with in the ordinary way. The number at present appears to be sufficient; you will note that the number of inhabitants at the last census was 1402, and the number is estimated to be 1396 for the past year by the Registrar General. No cases of overcrowding have been reported. The number of new houses erected during the past five years was 17, of those 16 were erected by the Council and 1 by private owner.

The Public Health Staff consists of the M.O.H. (part time) who is not engaged in private practice, and the Sanitary Inspector.

APPENDIX.

1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres) 9318.
 Population 1925, 1396.
 Number of Inhabited Houses 388.
 Number of families or separate occupiers 1925, 392.
 Rateable value £11488.
 Sum represented by a penny rate £39/14/6.
 Poor Relief £308/14/3, with an unsettled amount of £27/12/3 in addition.

2. HOUSING.

Number of new Houses erected during the year :	(a) Total	...	...	...	...	1
	(b) As part of a municipal housing scheme	...	...	...	...	0
1. Unfit dwelling houses—						
(1)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Act) ...	...	...	...	...	193
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910 ...	...	...	...	...	0
(3)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ...	...	...	...	...	0
(4)	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	10
2. Remedy of defects without formal notices—						
	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ...	...	...	...	...	0
3. Actions under Statutory Powers—						
A.—Proceedings under sect. 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919—						
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repair	...	...	...	...	0
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit—(a) by Owners ...	...	...	...	...	0
	(b) by Local Authority ...	...	...	...	...	0
(3)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declaration by Owners of intention to close ...	...	...	...	...	0
B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts—						
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ...	...	...	...	...	9
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied—	...	...	...	...	...
	(a) by Owners ...	...	...	...	...	7
	(b) by Local Authority in default of Owners ...	...	...	...	...	0
C.—Proceedings under sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning etc., Act, 1909—						
(1)	Number of representations made with .. view to the making of closing orders	...	...	...	...	nil
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which closing orders were made...	...	...	...	...	"
(3)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which closing orders were detained, the dwelling houses having been rendered fit...	...	...	...	...	"
(4)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	...	...	...	...	"
(5)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders	...	...	...	...	"

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

23rd March, 1926.

A. T. JOHNS, M.O.H.